October 2010

# **No Clowning Around With Smoke Detectors**

Wylie Fire-Rescue will educate students and adults on the prevention of home fires throughout the month of October. Firefighter clowns Pumper and

Blaze return with a new program, *Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With*. The thirty-minute program will be presented to WISD elementary school students.

The high energy, interactive clown show features a fun medieval theme. In addition to emphasizing the importance of working smoke detectors, students will learn other protective behaviors including the use of 911; developing a home escape plan; and stop, drop, and roll.

"Statistics show that having a working smoke alarm in your home doubles the chance that you and your family will survive a residential fire," says Wylie Fire Marshal Steve Seddig. "They are effective, reliable and inexpensive."

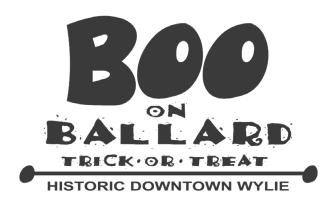
Fire deaths nationally are on the decline, but Wylie Fire Chief Randy Corbin points to statistics when talking about the importance of continued fire education in Wylie. The National Fire Association reports that each year in the United States an estimated 2,800 children age 14 or younger are injured and 850 are killed in residential fires, making up 15-20% of all fire deaths. Of these children, over 40 percent are under the age of five, 70 percent are under the age of 10.

- Have a smoke detector in every sleeping area and immediately outside sleeping areas.
- Check the function of your smoke detector monthly. Change batteries twice a year.
- Replace smoke detectors that are more than 10 years old.
- Do not disable a chirping smoke detector. The battery is low and the detector needs immediate attention.



Wylie Fire-Rescue will install combination detectors free of charge. Do not delay! Wylie residents should call 972-429-0771 to schedule a free inspection and free installation.





OCT 28,6 pm - 8 pm



# KCS HOLIDAY EXPRESS

Thursday, December 2, 4 pm Oak Street Crossing

(Downtown Between Birmingham Ave. & Cotton Belt Ave.)

Visit with Santa Claus, walk through holiday train cars filled with wonder, enjoy festive foods and play on the inflatables.



Saturday, December 4
Olde City Park
10 am - 8 pm

5:30 pm Christmas Parade, Sponsored

by First Baptist Church Wylie

7:00 pm Tree Lighting

Go to Wylie Texas. gov for a sponsorship or vendor brochure

### **Fun & Learning**

# Rita & Truett Smith Public Library 800 Thomas Street

972-442-7566

www.WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Library

Hours: Mon., Tue. & Thur. Noon - 8 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 6 pm Friday 11 am - 5 pm Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

Sunday Closed

#### All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

#### Teen Center, After School, 3:15 pm - 5 pm

Kids Grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Rock Band, Guitar Hero, DDR, WII, board games, movies and more.

#### Fourth Monday Book Club, 6:30 pm

Adults 18 and up are invited to a book discussion

October 25 - When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka

#### Storytime, Every Wednesday

Join us for books, flannel stories, finger plays, and songs.

Books & Babies (ages 0-1), 9 am, 20 minutes long Toddler Time (ages 1-2), 9:30 am & 10 am, 25 minutes long Big Kids (ages 3 and up), 10:45 am & 11:30 am, 30 minutes

October 20 - Out of the Oven

October 27 - Let's Pretend Halloween

November 3 - Great Big Things

November 10 - Hometown Heroes

November 17 - Dance Dance Fever

November 24 - Thank You Thanksgiving

#### BeTween Book & Movie Club, 6:30 pm

4th and 5th graders are invited to talk about books and movies. The first 20 kids to sign up receive a free copy of the book.

October 28 - Alice in Wonderland

## Friends of the Library Meeting, November 18, 6 pm

Get involved and help support the Library as they prepare to transition to the new 44,000 square foot building. In celebration, membership and renewal fees are currently half price.

#### GED Classes, Every Tuesday, 5 pm - 8 pm

Cindy Anderson, WISD educator, teaches these free classes to prepare for taking the GED Test. No registration is required.

#### Wagging Tales, November 4 & 18, 6:30 pm

Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first come first served basis the evening of the program.

#### Library Knits Socks, October 22 & 29; November 5, 12, & 19, 1 pm - 2 pm

Join the knitting revolution. All ages and skill levels welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn and know the basics.